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## **EX-PARTE COMMUNICATION**

Chairman Michael Powell Federal Communications Commission The Portals 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

Re: Access to Unbundled Network Elements, WC Docket No. 03-225

Dear Chairman Powell:

First Amercian Telecom is a payphone company operating in Florida with over 5,000 phones in service at this time. We have been in business for over 14 years.

I am writing to urge you, in taking action on the pending revision of the Unbundled Network Element (UNE) rules, to ensure that payphone companies continue to have competitive alternatives for their local service needs. This is critical to our company and is necessary in allowing us not only to continue to provide this service, but also to stay in business.

Payphones provide the public with an effective, low cost and available means of public communication. 9/11 has shown us that public payphones must not disappear and that we need to do whatever possible to continue its availability as a communications mainstay. For our company to stay in business and continue to provide this necessary means of communication, we must have reliable local service connections at a reasonable cost.

First Amercian Telecom must have UNE-P. Without UNE-P, the American public will lose this service in a short matter of time.

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We ask for your support so we may continue to use alternative carriers for our local service.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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